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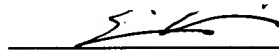
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Applicants acknowledge with appreciation the Notice of Allowability and Issue Fee Due form mailed January 13, 2004 acknowledging the filing of an Information Disclosure Statement on August 15, 2003.

The Notice of Allowability did not, however, include an initialed Form PTO-1449 acknowledging the Information Disclosure Statements filed March 21, 2003 and January 8, 2004. The Applicants note the *partial* consideration of the Information Disclosure Statements filed on August 21, 2001 and January 13, 2003. Regarding the IDS filed August 21, 2001, the '637 application was not considered by the Examiner. Regarding the IDS filed January 13, 2003, a signed form 1449 for the IDS was enclosed with the Official Action dated April 15, 2003, but the references were not initialed. Therefore, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner evidence consideration of the references cited in the IDS of August 21, 2001; January 13, 2003; March 21, 2003 and January 8, 2004 by providing a copy of the initialed Form PTO-1449.

If a conference would be beneficial in expediting the prosecution of the instant application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned to arrange such a conference.

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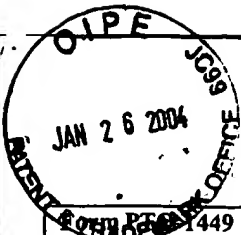
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